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RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION

KUN-MING AREA, CHINA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTHERN SEGMENT OF THE KUN-MING/CHENG-TU RAIL LINE.
2. REMARKS: A RAIL LINE CONNECTING KUN-MING AND CHENG-TU WOULD LINK YUN-NAN PROVINCE WITH ONE OF THE MAIN SUPPLY CENTERS FOR TIBET AND PROVIDE IT WITH A DIRECT RAIL ROUTE TO NORTH AND NORTHWEST CHINA.

BY THE END OF 1965, THE NORTHERN SEGMENT WAS OPERATIVE FROM CHENG-TU SOUTHWARD FOR APPROXIMATELY 130 NM. CONSTRUCTION WAS CONTINUING ALONG THIS SEGMENT SOUTHWESTWARD FOR AN ADDITIONAL 63 NM.

3. LOCATION: IMMEDIATELY WEST OF KUN-MING IN YUN-NAN PROVINCE.
4. COLLATERAL/COMINT: NONE
5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

[REDACTED]
6. NEGATION DATE:

[REDACTED]
7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: ONE KH MISSION.
8. DIMENSIONS/SPECIFICATIONS: NONE

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9. MISSION READOUT: THIS MISSION REVEALS A RAIL LINE UNDER VERY ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION EXTENDING NORTHWEST FROM 2458N 10235E (7.1 NM SW OF KUN-MING) TO 2514N 10212E. SEVERAL SMALL TENT CAMPS AND VEHICLE PARKS, NUMEROUS BRIDGE PIERS, EXTENSIVE ROADBED GRADING AND TUNNELS ARE OBSERVED ALONG THIS PORTION OF THE RAIL LINE. AT LEAST 140 TRUCKS AND 60 PIECES OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY.

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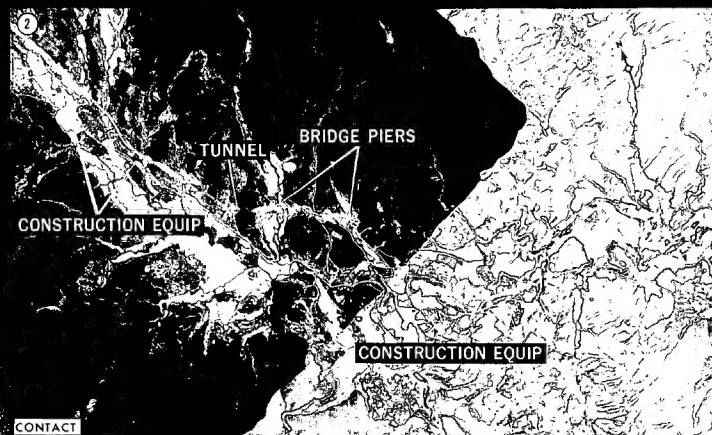
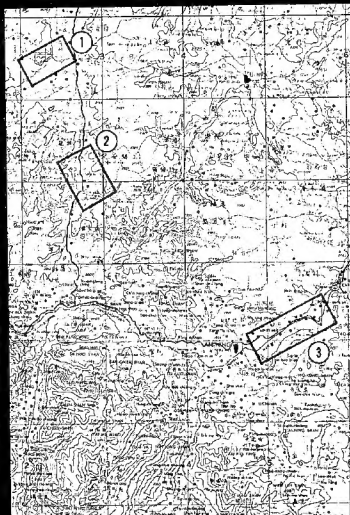
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